

# POLLUTION

## Ugly Blight In Happy Valley



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DR. WAYNE LINN, biology department head at SOC, will be speaking on pollution from an ecological angle during the symposium.



DR. FRANK McGRAW, Geology professor at SOC, will lecture on local pollution problems faced here in the Rogue Valley.

## 'Environmental Awareness' Key To AHS Symposium

The recently formed innovations committee of Ashland High School is planning an Environmental Awareness Symposium to take place at the high school, April 22.

Co-chairmen of the symposium subcommittee Mary Hoxie and Sharon Silver have planned the national program to operate in conjunction with the Nationwide Environmental Teach-In, being organized by ecologists in all parts of the United States. The overall purpose of the national teach-in is to make the people of America politically aware of the national crisis which pollution of our environment is causing.

This local program is being planned in an effort to make the people of the Rogue Valley aware of the problems caused by pollution not only on a nationwide scale, but locally as well.

### Prominent Speakers

Several prominent speakers have been invited to attend the local all-day event, including Richard Croly, a well-known audiologist who will lecture on the effects of noise pollution in America. Croly was instrumental in researching, shooting, and documenting a noise pollution film in Denver earlier this year that was shown on NBC's "First Tuesday" March 3. He will show segments of his film and will set up electronic equipment to demonstrate the effects of noise pollution to the audience.

Other primary speakers will include Dr. Wayne Linn, head of the Biology department at Southern Oregon College, and Dr. Frank McGraw, head of the Geology department at SOC. Both will speak during various sessions primarily from an ecological standpoint on local pollution problems. Governor Tom McCall and Oregon State Senator Wayne Newbry have also been invited to attend.

### 90-minute Sessions

The program will be organized into four sessions of 90 minutes each. During each session, several activities including lectures, films, and field trips will be scheduled in various areas of the campus. A schedule of all sessions including speakers, events, times, and films will be published prior to the event to enable participants to plan their participation.

The format of the symposium is organized to touch on all aspects of the pollution problem — air and water pollution, trash, noise pollution, pesticides, chemical wastes, and many more. The topic will be approached primarily from a biological and ecological standpoint.

### 15 Flicks

The film selection committee for the teach-in have ordered 15 films on pollution and ecology to be shown during the various sessions. The films, most in color, will include such titles as "What Are We Doing To Our World?" a film on ecology, and "The Silent Spring of Rachel Carsons", a documentary on water pollution based on Rachel Carson's famous novel.

Field trips for the day will include a litter pickup campaign in which students and interested persons will gather trash and debris from the Ashland Area and gather it into a large pile. Then, being conscientious anti-polluters, the litterers will pick up the trash and cart it off to the city dump. The purpose of the trash gathering is to help make the community aware of the magnitude of the littering problem in our community.

Two field trips will be taken to the Ashland City Dump and various polluted sections of Bear Creek, with a speaker from the local area lecturing on local pollution.

### Trash Contest

Also planned for activities on the Symposium day will be a collection of entries for pictures of garbage. *Psychology Today* magazine is sponsoring a nationwide contest for the best pictures of pollution. The top three national winners will be awarded \$25- and have their winning entries published in the magazine.

Clubs at AHS will set up exhibits, displays, and booths in the new campus plaza. A "Trash Art" collage is being planned for the center slab of the quad.

All AHS students, parents, community members, and interested parties are welcomed to the open event. A wide variety of opportunities will be offered in order to appeal to all participants. No admission will be charged.



RICHARD CROLY, IED audiologist, will speak on and demonstrate the ill effects of noise pollution in America. Croly was instrumental in making a noise pollution film aired on NBC's "First Tuesday" recently.